

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

SUBJECT: ACTION IN KONTUM AND PLEIKU

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM AMCONSUL NHA TRANG JANUARY 19  
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

NHA TRANG 44

DAO FOR AOSOP-OR/IS/IX

1. MR II HQ IN NHA TRANG REPORTS LIGHT CONTACT IN OPERATIONAL  
AREA WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF PLEIKU CITY DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD  
ENDING 0800 HRS JAN 19, BUT POL STORAGE AREA AT CAMP HOLLOWAY,  
AR 798476, CAUGHT FIRE DURING NIGHT. THE FIRE, CAUSE OF  
WHICH IS UNKNOWN, RESULTED IN LOSS OF 358,250 LITERS MOGAS  
AND 161,517 GALLONS JP-4.

2. IN KONTUM, THE 3RD BATTALION OF 40TH REGIMENT HAD CONTACT  
ON MORNING OF JAN 18 RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT FRIENDLY  
LOSSES. MR II HQ IN PLEIKU REPORTS 23 KIA, 42 WIA AND 28 MIA.  
HQ NHA TRANG ADDS THAT THE UNIT WITHDREW FROM ITS LOCATION AT  
AR 771005. COMMUNIST KIA PLACED AT 87. PROV REP IN KONTUM REPORTS  
OVERALL FEELING OF CALM IN KONTUM AND SAYS PROV CHIEF IS CONFIDENT  
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OF ABILITY TO CONTROL SITUATION IN PROVINCE. HE ADDS THAT THE

CONTACT WAS RESULT OF AGGRESSIVE FRIENDLY OPERATIONS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: LATER INFORMATION CONCERNING POL DUMP  
FIRE INDICATES IT WAS CAUSED BY ENEMY SAPPER ACTION.

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END QUOTE

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